

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend paragraph [0031] as follows:**

[0031] In the illustrated embodiment of inserter instrument 20, proximal frame portion 22 includes a handle 26 coupled to a frame 25. Frame 25 includes a stationary arm 30 that includes a general J-shape. Stationary arm 30 includes a first portion 31 extending from handle 26. Stationary arm includes a first lateral extension 50 extending from an end of first portion 31 and away from handle 26. First lateral extension 50 further includes a first vertical extension 52 extending from an end thereof opposite first portion 31 that is generally parallel first portion 31. A first hand-hole [56] 51 is provided through first lateral extension 50. Stationary arm 30 further includes a second portion 28 extending from handle 26 in a direction opposite first portion 31. Second portion 28 defines a receptacle 29.

**Please amend paragraph [0035] as follows:**

[0035] In the illustrated embodiment such as shown in FIG. 4, proximal end 72 of guide member 70 has a dovetail configuration that is slidingly received in a correspondingly shaped receptacle in end 58 of second vertical portion 36. The dovetail receptacle opens toward the side of vertical portion 36 facing away from the direction in which guide members 70, 90 extend, as shown in FIG. 4, and is closed on the side of vertical arm portion 36 from which guide members 70, 90 extend, as shown in FIG. 1. A coupling mechanism 40 can include a shaft 41 extending from the illustrated hand knob that extends through a passage [37] 44 in second vertical portion 36. A distal end 43 of shaft 41 can engage a receptacle or recess 73 in proximal end 72 of guide member 70 in an interference fit to prevent guide member 70 from moving relative second vertical portion 36 toward the open side of the dovetail receptacle. In one embodiment, shaft 41 of coupling mechanism 40 can be threadingly engaged in passage [37] 44 extending through second vertical portion 36 and translate relative thereto to engage and disengage guide member 70. Other embodiments contemplate that shaft 41 of coupling mechanism 40 could include a threaded distal end 43 that engages a threaded receptacle 73 in proximal end 72 of guide member 70.

**Please amend paragraph [0036] as follows:**

[0036] Proximal end 92 of second guide member 90, like proximal end 72 of guide member 70, has a dovetail configuration that is slidingly received in a correspondingly shaped receptacle in end 60 of first vertical portion 52. The dovetail receptacle opens toward the side of vertical portion 52 facing away from the direction in which guide members 70, 90 extend, as shown in FIG. 4, and is closed on the side of vertical arm portion 52 from which guide members 70, 90 extend, as shown in FIG. 1. Second guide member 90 can similarly be coupled to stationary arm 30 with coupling mechanism 54 such as discussed above with respect to first guide member 70 and coupling mechanism 40. Coupling mechanism 54 can be provided with a shaft 55 in a passage 53 of first vertical portion 52. Shaft 55 includes a distal end 57 received in a receptacle or recess 93 formed in proximal end 92 of second guide member 90.